

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention comprises a~~ A stump grubber (10, 50), ~~[[and]] a method of utilizing it~~  
utilizing the stump grubber (10, 50) for the grubbing of stumps (38) and a method for  
preventing fungus disease such as root rot. Attached on the frame (14, 54) of the  
stump grubber are a coupling means (13, 53) for coupling the stump grubber to a work  
machine (12, 52) and a gripper gripping means (32, 34, 36, 70) for gripping the stump  
(38) and a blade (18, 58) arranged to cut downwards to sever the roots (46) around the  
stump (38). The gripper gripping means (32, 34, 36, 70) ~~comprise~~ includes no less than  
four spikes or blades (32, 34, 36, 71–75) arranged to penetrate into the stump (38).  
Also supported on the frame (14, 54) are power devices means (24, 56), such as a  
hydraulic cylinder for moving the gripper gripping means (32, 34, 36, 70) and the cutting  
blade (18, 58) in a vertical direction relative to each other to lift the stump (38) from the  
ground (44).